Milk Product Order, abolition of retention price scheme of urea manufacturers, etc.

(e) and (0 The recommendations have been conveyed to the various concerned Ministries / Departments. Action has been taken towards implementation of some of the recommendations.

Corruption and victimization in ICAR

3544. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 Members of Parliament wrote to Prime Minister in March, 2001 regarding corruption and victimization rampant in Indian Council of Agricultural Research;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Prime Minister has examined the matter; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The letters written by Hon'ble Members of Parliament to Hon'ble Prime Minister were forwarded by PMO to Secretary, DARE for appropriate action. Appropriate action has already been taken by sending replies to the Hon'ble Members of Parliament apprising them of the facts.

Integrated Cooperative Credit 'Structure of Andhra Pradesh

3545. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has urged the Union Government to provide assistance to the Integrated Cooperative Credit Structure of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has also requested the Union Government to waive the accumulated losses while setting up a Cooperative Bank Rehabilitation Development Fund, to assist the cooperative banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chief Minister, Government of Andhra Pradesh *vide* his letter dated 13.02.2001 has urged to provide assistance to the Integrated Cooperative Credit Structure of Andhra Pradesh out of the proposed Cooperative Rehabilitation and Development Fund to extinguish the entire accumulated losses and imbalances amounting to about Rs. 1161 crores. This letter was suitably replied by the Agriculture Minister on 23.4.2001.

(c) and (d) As mentioned in the reply to (b) above, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for financial assistance from the proposed Cooperative Rehabilitation and Development Fund to extinguish the losses and imbalances of the Integrated Cooperative Credit Structure amounting to about Rs. 1161 crores. There was no separate request to waive off the accumulated losses.

Funds to A.P. under AMDP

3546. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has failed to utilize the Central Funds released under Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP);

(b) if not, what are the details of funds released to the State under AMDP during the last three years, year-wise and unspent balance at the end of each years; and

(c) steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that the Maize Development Programme gets the desired boost in the State and funds are genuinely spent on it?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Under Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP), the percentage of total utilization of Central funds by State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been 76.43% up to 31.3.2001 since the inception of the scheme (1995-96) in the State.

(b) The year-wise details of funds released by Government of India, funds utilized by State Government of Andhra Pradesh and unspent balances